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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of two months (from November 22, 2006, to January 22, 2007) within which to respond to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-2312 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee for a two month extension of time. If additional time is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefore.

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It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this Petition. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2312.

Respectfully submitted,

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